



RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE "ALOHA SPIRIT" AMONG CITY OFFICIALS.

WHEREAS, the word aloha comes from the words "alo" (presence) and "ha" (breath), literally meaning "presence of breath"; and

WHEREAS, aloha is a way of living and treating each other with love and respect and its deep meaning starts by teaching ourselves to love our own beings first and then spread the love to others; and

WHEREAS, according to the old kahunas, being able to live the spirit of aloha was a way of reaching self-perfection and realization for our own body and soul, sending and receiving a positive energy, living in harmony and creating positive feelings and thoughts that multiply and spread to others; and

WHEREAS, section 5-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS"), officially designates the state of Hawaii as "The Aloha State"; and

WHEREAS, section 5-7.5, HRS, recognizes the "Aloha Spirit" as a life force and reads in subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) "Aloha Spirit" is the coordination of mind and heart within each person. It brings each person to the self. Each person must think and emote good feelings to others. In the contemplation and presence of the life force, "Aloha", the following unuhi laula loa may be used:

"Akahai", meaning kindness to be expressed with tenderness;

"Lokahi", meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony;

"Oluolu", meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness;

"Haahaa", meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty;

"Ahonui", meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance.

These are traits of character that express the charm, warmth and sincerity of Hawaii's people. It was the working philosophy of native Hawaiians and was presented as a gift to the people of Hawaii. "Aloha" is more than a word of greeting or farewell or a salutation. "Aloha" means mutual regard and affection and extends warmth in caring with no obligation in return.



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“Aloha” is the essence of relationships in which each person is important to every other person for collective existence. “Aloha” means to hear what is not said, to see what cannot be seen and to know the unknowable.”

and

WHEREAS, the council has recognized the value of promoting the aloha spirit in the workplace by approving two resolutions as follows:

- (1) Resolution 97-117, CD1, which establishes as city policy application of the aloha spirit by city supervisors and managers when dealing with city employees and when serving the public, and requests that city employees use the words “aloha” and “mahalo” as official expressions of the aloha spirit; and
- (2) Resolution 98-38, CD1, which establishes as city policy a dress policy of “Aloha Every Day”, directs the city administration to encourage the aloha philosophy in city government, and encourages all segments of Hawaii’s population to consider implementing the “Aloha Every Day” policy;

now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it establishes as city policy that, in exercising their power on behalf of the people and in fulfillment of their responsibilities, obligations and service to the people, the council, the mayor, the managing director, and the executive officers of each department and agency may contemplate and reside with the life force and give consideration to the aloha spirit; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the council chair, the mayor, and the managing director.

INTRODUCED BY:

Dr. J. Lim

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUL 27 2010

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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Introduced: 07/27/10 By: LEE DONOHUE

Committee: EXECUTIVE MATTERS
AND LEGAL AFFAIRS

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[CR-257](#)

EXECUTIVE MATTERS AND LEGAL AFFAIRS	08/04/10	CR-257 - RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.			
COUNCIL	08/18/10	CR-257 AND RESOLUTION 10-207 WERE ADOPTED.			
ANDERSON Y		APO Y	CACHOLA Y	DELA CRUZ Y	DONOHUE Y
GARCIA Y		KOBAYASHI Y	OKINO Y	TAM Y	

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK


TODD K. APO, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER